

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 14, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Pat Christian, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 214, 2/9/2017; SB 218, 2/9/2017

Executive Action:

SB 49: Be Tabled  
SB 111: Do Pass as Amended  
SB 183: Do Pass  
SB 171: Do Pass

**HEARING ON SB 218**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:14 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 218, Revise the apprentice hunter program.

00:03:07 Sen. Vincent entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:10 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

00:08:09 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:08:54 Scott Boulanger, citizen

00:09:49 Mark Taylor, citizen

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:10:52 Hank Worsch, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:13 Sen. Facey

00:11:35 Sen. Blasdel

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:18 Sen. Blasdel

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[EXHIBIT\(fis32a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis32a03\)](#)

**Committee Business:**

00:13:44 Chair Fielder

[EXHIBIT\(fis32a04\)](#)

00:14:50 Recess

00:33:06 Reconvened

**HEARING ON SB 214**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:09 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 214, Allow limited spear fishing of game fish.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:34:42 David Gleich, citizen

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:36:47 Eileen Ryce, Fisheries Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:10 Sen. Vincent  
 00:37:41 Mr. Gleich, citizen  
 00:38:26 Sen. Vincent  
 00:38:35 Ms. Ryce, FWP  
 00:38:49 Sen. Vincent  
 00:39:07 Ms. Ryce  
 00:39:26 Sen. Vincent  
 00:39:40 Sen. Cohenour  
 00:39:55 Sen. Facey  
 00:40:21 Sen. Cohenour  
 00:40:44 Sen. Facey  
 00:40:47 Sen. Cohenour  
 00:40:53 Ms. Ryce  
 00:42:02 Sen. Facey  
 00:42:07 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division  
  
 00:42:09 Sen. Smith entered the meeting.  
  
 00:42:18 Chair Fielder  
 00:42:38 Ms. Ryce  
 00:43:37 Chair Fielder  
 00:43:55 Sen. Cohenour  
 00:45:08 Chair Fielder  
 00:45:55 Mr. Gleich  
 00:47:03 Chair Fielder

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:48:01 Sen. Cohenour

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 49**

00:49:25 Chair Fielder

00:50:10 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 49 BE TABLED.**

**Discussion:**

00:50:18 Chair Fielder

00:50:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Phillips was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 111**

00:51:11 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 111 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:51:16 Chair Fielder

00:52:35 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 111 BE AMENDED.**

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**Discussion:**

00:52:48 Sen. Vincent

00:53:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Phillips was excused.

00:53:14 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 111 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:53:28 Sen. Facey

00:53:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Phillips was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 183**

00:54:05 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 183 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:54:24 Sen. Welborn

00:54:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Phillips was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 171**

00:54:46 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 171 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:54:49 Chair Fielder

00:55:22 Sen. Vincent

00:57:06 Sen. Cohenour

00:59:21 Sen. Hinkle  
01:01:32 Sen. Facey  
01:01:54 Sen. Smith  
01:05:04 Sen. Vincent  
01:06:33 Sen. Cohenour  
01:08:23 Chair Fielder

01:09:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Phillips was excused.

**Committee Business:**

01:10:15 Sen. Smith  
01:10:43 Chair Fielder  
01:10:51 Sen. Howard  
01:10:56 Chair Fielder

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:14 PM

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Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fis32aad.pdf](#))